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SUBJECT: REPORT OF NEW ISRAELI EXCAVATION PLANS FOR
JERUSALEM

1. FOLLOWING REPORT CARRIED TODAY BY REUTER TICKER:
"JERUSALEM, JULY 2, REUTER - ISRAEL HAS UNVEILED
PLANS TO UNEARTH MORE OF THE WAILING WALL -- THE MOST
SACRED JEWISH SHRINE -- AND BUILD A PUBLIC PLAZA AROUND IT.
THE PLAN WOULD TAKE FIVE TO 10 YEARS TO IMPLEMENT AND
SEEMS LIKELY TO RUN INTO CONTROVERSY. THE WAILING WALL --
THE REMAINS OF THE WESTERN WALL OF THE SECOND TEMPLE
DESTROYED BY THE ROMANS IN 70 A.D. -- WAS RECOVERED BY
ISRAELI TROOPS IN THE 1967 WAR. ISRAEL THEN ANNEXED THE
EASTERN SECTOR OF THE FORMERLY-DIVIDED CITY AND RESTORED
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THE AREA AROUND THE WALL. THE MOSLEMS' SACRED AL-AQSA AND

OMAR MOSQUES STAND ON THE OTHER SIDE. MANY CRUMBLING HOUSES IN THE OLD ALLEYWAYS AROUND THE WALL WERE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE ROOM FOR A PLAZA. THE SHRINE IS VISITED BY JEWS FROM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

2. FOR TEL AVIV: IN VIEW OF UNESCO PROBLEMS AND IMMINENT VISIT TO JERUSALEM OF NEW HIGH-LEVEL UNESCO MISSION HEADED BY SWISS HEAD OF CULTURAL SECTOR, BOLLA, DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP ANY INFO EMBASSY ABLE TO DEVELOP REGARDING THIS RATHER SKETCHY REUTER DISPATCH. INGERSOLL

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